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REMARKS

Claims 10-11 and 14-15 have been rewritten in independent form by including all of the limitations of a base claim and any intervening claims and further all of the limitations of claim 20. Claims 1-9 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice.

No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 20 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

All of the limitations of claim 20 including **all of the limitations** of a base claim and any intervening claims have been now included in claims 10, 11, 14, and 15, and claim 20 has been canceled. Thus, for this reason, claims 10, 11, 14, and 15 are allowable. The remaining claims depend from either one of claims 10, 11, 14, and 15. Thus, for this reason, the remaining claims are also allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleischer et al.(US6,225,009) in view of Yoshioka et al.(US4693828). Claims 1-9 have been canceled without prejudice. As explained above, claims 10-19 as amended herein include all of the limitations of claim 20 including all of the limitations of a base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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